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METING ON MAY 23, 1978

REFS: A) USNATO 4435, 021845Z MAY 78
B) USNATO 4597, 081839Z MAY 78
C) USNATO 4889, 161859Z MAY 78

WE PROVIDE BELOW GUIDANCE FOR AGENDA OF MAY 23 COEC
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MEETING AS REQUESTED IN REFS.

1. PLANNING FOR WINTEX/CIMEX-79 (REF A):

A) MISSION SHOULD LIFT ITS RESERVATION ON UK PROPOSAL
(PARA 1.A.2) THAT ALBANIA MORE APPROPRIATELY BELONGS
IN NEUTRAL CATEGORY.

B) WITH RESPECT TO US REPRESENTATIVE TO PROPOSED SOVIET RESPONSE CELL (PARA 1.D), WE PLAN TO PROVIDE SAME LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION TO WINTEX/CIMEX-79 AS WE DID IN HILEX-8.

C) IN THE EVENT THAT QUESTION OF US REINFORCEMENT DATA IS AGAIN RAISED AT COEC, MISSION SHOULD DRAW UPON

GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN 77 STATE 290040, 052357Z DEC 77 AND STATE 030706, 041924Z FEB 78. YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT US PROVIDED ON SCHEDULE TO NATO PLANNERS OVER 500 PAGES OF GENERAL REINFORCEMENT DATA AT THE APRIL 12-14 SHAPE REINFORCEMENT MEETING, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE THE DETAILED DATA THIS SUMMER. YOU COULD ALSO NOTE, IF APPROPRIATE, THAT USEUCOM AND THE JOINT STAFF HAVE INVESTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO PROVIDE THIS DATA SOME SIX MONTHS EARLIER THAN IN PREVIOUS SUCH EXERCISES, AND THAT ANY PROBLEMS WHICH DEVELOP ALONG THE WAY WILL BE GIVEN THOROUGH ATTENTION.

2. CRISIS MANAGEMENT MANUAL, PART IV OF VOLUME II-- ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AT NATO HQ (REF B): WE AGREE WITH MISSION (PARA 2) THAT THESE INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS SEEM SATISFACTORY.
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3. COEC WORKING PAPER 129, DRAFT REPORT ON HILEX-8 (REF C): WE CONCUR IN CHANGES MISSION RECOMMENDS (REF C) TO AC/237-W/129, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ONES BELOW:

A) WE BELIEVE THAT REPORT SHOULD ADDRESS IN SOME FASHION THE POINTS MADE BY BOTH MISSION (USNATO 3228, 291849Z MAR 78, PARA 4) AND WASHINGTON (STATE 82'18, 310116Z MAR 78, PARA 3.B): THAT AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DEVOTED TO REGIONAL AREAS PERIPHERAL TO NATO SHOULD BE RESTRICTED, AND THAT ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING FOR THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES ONE WOULD EXPECT DURING AN ACTUAL CRISIS.

B) REPORT CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO EEC CELL, WHICH HELPED ADD REALISM TO THE EXERCISE. MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE A PARA 5 BIS TO REPORT, ALONG THE LINES OF THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 5 OF OUR HILEX-8 OBSERVATIONS -- PART I, STATE 77909, 252024 MAR 78.

C) PARAGRAPH 20 OF REPORT NEEDS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MAIN

DIFFICULTY IN PLAY OF PHARMACEUTICAL PROBLEM HAD TO DO
WITH LACK OF INFORMATION ON KINDS OF DRUGS NEEDED,
AS OPPOSED TO QUANTITIES. THEREFORE, IN LINE 4 OF THAT
PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 7, MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE INSERTING
AFTER THE WORD "EMPHASIZED":

". . . THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PROPERLY IDENTIFYING,
IN TERMS CLEAR TO ALL NATIONS INVOLVED, THE PARTICULAR
KINDS OF PHARMACEUTICALS OR OTHER REQUIRED COMMODITIES,
AS WELL AS. . ."

D) LASTLY, WE QUESTION REPORT'S CONCLUSION (ANNEX,
PARA 6.A) THAT THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICAT,ON
PROBLEMS. WE ADDRESSED THESE EARLIER IN PARA 4 OF
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OUR STATE 77909. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
ANNEX WOULD TAKE SOME ACCOUNT OF THIS PROBLEM.

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